

Mattoon Mayor Charles White presided over the first half of the Joint Meeting of the Charleston and Mattoon City Councils and opened the joint meeting of the Charleston and Mattoon City Councils at 3:05 p.m. in the Washington Room of Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center's Education Center.

Mattoon Mayor White led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introductions for Mattoon City Council were Mayor Charles White, Commissioner David Cline, Commissioner Randy Ervin, and Commissioner David Schilling. Commissioner Terry Cook was absent. Other Mattoon City staff in attendance were City Attorney/Treasurer J. Preston Owen, City Administrator Richard Underkofler, Public Works Director David Wortman, Community Development Coordinator Kyle Gill, Chief Water Plant Operator Jim Lang, and City Clerk Susan J. O'Brien.

Introductions for Charleston City Council were Mayor John Inyart, Council Member Jim Dunn and Council Member Larry Rennels. Council members Jeff Lahr and Lorelei Sims were absent. Other Charleston City staff were introduced as City Manager R. Scott Smith, City Attorney Brian Bower, Public Works Director Curt Buescher, Recreational Director Brian Jones, Planning and Development Coordinator Jeff Finley, Police Chief Paul Welch, Fire Chief Darrell Nees, and City Clerk Deborah Muller.

Mr. Doug McDermid of Coles County Regional Planning (CCRP) introduced Mr. Kelly Lockhart for a presentation on a Proposed Agreement with Charleston and Mattoon for Geographic Information System (GIS) support services. Council and public comment was heard consisting of the data entry of information and the availability to the public.

Mr. McDermid further discussed a proposed County Solid Waste Management Agency Intergovernmental Agreement for the purpose of adding to the mission of the Agency a study of the feasibility of a county-wide facility for yard waste collection and composting.

Mattoon Director Wortman presented the work-in-progress status on cooperative endeavors of the cities of Charleston and Mattoon to interconnect the Charleston and Mattoon Water Distribution Systems. The interconnection agreement would consist of piping work, valving work, and upsizing pumps. Councils discussed the size of lines and probability of usage.

Charleston Manager Smith reviewed joint purchasing for road maintenance materials, water and sewer treatment plant chemicals, culverts, water and sewer pipe, etc., indicating the savings with collaboration.

Mattoon Administrator Underkofler requested a need to formulate boundary agreements between Charleston and Mattoon with respect to corporate boundaries, water and sewer facility service areas, zoning and building code enforcement jurisdiction within the SR-16 and CR-1000 Corridor Development Districts.

Mattoon Administrator Underkofler called for the Councils to attempt to persuade Coles-Moultrie Electric Cooperative and Ameren CIPS to formulate service area boundary agreements, perhaps as a term of franchise agreement renewals.

The meeting recessed at 4:06 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 4:20 p.m. with Charleston Mayor Inyart presiding.

Ms. Angela Griffin of Coles Together gave a work-in-progress status report with regard to the I-57 Interchange at County Road 1000 North stating completion of the four phases to be July, 2009. Ms. Griffin further informed the

Councils of the work-in-progress status of disclosure of property tax abatement schedules by taxpayer and jurisdiction.

Mattoon Administrator Underkofler reviewed the projects determined by the Alliance Executives Group, consisting of executives from Coles Together, Chambers of Commerce, City (Administrator) of Mattoon, City (Manager) of Charleston, and Coles County Board. Before involvement with other organizations, Administrator Underkofler requested Councils' consideration of the following projects:

1. Refine the 2000 Coles County Strategic Plan as it relates to economic development for an economic development component of the Unified County Comprehensive Plan.
2. Identify issues and formulate recommended land use policies for the Unified County Comprehensive Plan, particularly for marketing areas that have economic development potential within proximity of urban service areas and arterial transportation routes.
3. Identify and prepare potential sites to be "Shovel Ready" for economic development prospects:
 - (a) Secure annexation agreements for sites selected for economic development; include purchase options within these agreements to establish a firm sales price for the real estate for a relatively long term or ask Coles Together to acquire some of these sites.
 - (b) Initiate Phase I Environmental Assessments on optioned or acquired economic development sites.
 - (c) Rezone areas within the urban service area for the highest and best economic development use consistent with the Unified County Comprehensive Plan
 - (d) Alter enterprise zone boundaries consistent with the Unified County Comprehensive Plan.
 - (e) Extend utility infrastructure to optioned or acquired development sites.

In addition to the projects, for representation by both communities the Mayors would set on the Alliance Board.

Mayor Inyart opened the floor to the Council. Both Councils' consensuses considered this meeting beneficial, and believed additional meetings were in order.

Mayor Inyart opened the floor to the public, staff, and press. Additional attendees were identified as Mr. Gary Boske (1st Mid-IL Bank & Trust and other committees), Katrina Thompson (1st Mid-IL Bank & Trust), Cindy Titus (Charleston Chamber of Commerce), Denny Burrell (Coles Together), Jerry Groniger (Coles County Board), Rob Stroud (Times Courier), and Mary Wetzel (Mattoon Chamber of Commerce).

With no additional comments from the public, Mayor Inyart closed the meeting at 4:58 p.m.

/s/ Susan J. O'Brien
City Clerk